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AMENDMENT

SIR:

This amendment addresses the Office Action dated August 16, 2000. Initially, please amend the present application as follows.

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following new claim.

16. (New) The device according to claim 1, wherein:

the at least one sleeve contact is configured to substantially surround a respective one of the at least one terminal contact when the at least one sleeve contact and the at least one terminal contact are assembled.

I. INTRODUCTION

Claim 16 has been added. Claims 1-16 are now pending. Claims 1-15 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b). Applicants hereby request further examination and reconsideration of the application, in view of the following remarks.

II. THE '35 U.S.C. § 102 REJECTION SHOULD BE WITHDRAWN

Claims 1-15 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,772,470 to